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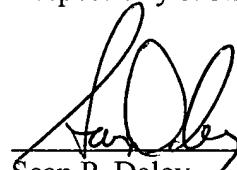
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of I) Specie 1: stent with two different layers. Applicant believes this election covers claims 31-57. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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